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SUBJECT: 58TH ECOSOC - DRAFT RESOLUTION REGARDING DROUGHT
IN SOMALIA

1. THE SOMALI MISSION HAS OFFICIALLY PROVIDED USUN
WITH A COPY OF FOLLOWING DRAFT RES REGARDING PROBLEMS
EMANATING FROM THE DROUGHT IN SOMALIA, WITH REQUEST
THAT USG CO-SPONSOR. RES WILL PROBABLY COME UP UNDER
ITEM 2. USUN SEES NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH DRAFT
BUT IS UNSURE ABOUT POSITION TO TAKE REGARDING
CO-SPONSORSHIP, IN PART BECAUSE OF IDENTIFICATION OF
RES WITH PROGRAMME OF ACTION. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

2. TEXT OF RES FOLLOWS: QUOTE

DRAFT RESOLUTION

MEASURES TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING THE DROUGHT IN SOMALIA

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

NOTING WITH DEEP REGRET AND CONCERN THAT A DROUGHT OF
UNPRECEDENTED INTENSITY IS CAUSING SERIOUS LOSS OF LIFE AND
PROPERTY IN SOMALIA,

NOTING ALSO THAT THE ECONOMY OF THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN
SEVERELY DAMAGED AND OVER THIRTEEN THOUSAND PERSONS HAVE
DIED SO FAR BECAUSE OF THE DROUGHT, MALNUTRITION AND OTHER
CAUSES ARISING FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DROUGHT,

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NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO SOMALIA

BY MANY GOVERNMENTS, THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR, NOTING FURTHER THE STRENUOUS EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA TO ALLEVIATE THE HARDSHIPS SUFFERED BY THE VICTIMS OF THE DROUGHT,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3202(S-VI) OF 1 MAY 1974, CONCERNING THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, PARTICULARLY SECTION X THEREOF REGARDING THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME OF EMERGENCY MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE DIFFICULTIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ECONOMIC CRISIS,

BEARING IN MIND THAT ASSISTANCE EXTENDED TO MEMBER STATES THAT HAVE SUFFERED NATURAL DISASTERS OF SUCH MAGNITUDE IS AN EXPRESSION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY EMBODIED IN THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

REALIZING THAT, FOLLOWING THE PHASE OF EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE DROUGHT, A SECOND PHASE OF RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDERTAKEN AT A GREATER EXPENSE,

1. EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND SYMPATHY TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA FOR THE LOSS OF LIFE AND THE MATERIAL DAMAGE CAUSED BY THIS NATURAL CALAMITY;

2. URGES ALL MEMBER STATES IN A POSITION TO DO SO TO CONTINUE AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS AND COOPERATION FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF OPERATIONS AND ALSO TO HELP IMPLEMENT MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM MEASURES FOR REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE DROUGHT-AFFECTED AREAS;

3. INVITES ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED, TO CONTINUE TO GIVE THEIR FULLEST SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE PROGRAMMES TO ALL ENDEAVOURS MADE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR IN MOBILIZING RELIEF ASSISTANCE AND ALSO TO GIVE URGENT CONSIDERATION TO ANY REQUEST MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION PHASE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME OF EMERGENCY MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION;

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4. REQUESTS THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AT ITS TWENTIETH SESSION TO REVIEW THE DROUGHT SITUATION IN THE LIGHT OF ITS RECENT DEVELOPMENT AND TO TAKE SUCH FURTHER (BEGIN UNDERLINE) URGENT (END UNDERLINE) ACTION AS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IN THE PROCESS OF RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION IN THE AFFECTED REGIONS;

5. REQUESTS THE WHO AND THE UNICEF TO CONTINUE THEIR RESPECTIVE EFFORTS IN PROVIDING THE NECESSARY HEALTH SERVICE FACILITIES INCLUDING, IF NECESSARY, MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO ALLEVIATE THE ALARMING SUFFERINGS OF THE DROUGHT VICTIMS;

6. CALLS UPON THE WFP (BEGIN UNDERLINE) IN PARTICULAR (END UNDERLINE) TO CONTINUE AND, IF NECESSARY, ACCELERATE ITS FOOD SUPPLIES TO THE DROUGHT AFFECTED POPULATION OF SOMALIA, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE URGENCY OF THE NEEDS EMANATING FROM THE DETERIORATING DROUGHT SITUATION;

7. EXPRESSES ITS DESIRE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AND ALL OTHER INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SHOULD GIVE URGENT AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO ANY REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA MIGHT SUBMIT IN CONNECTION WITH ITS REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMMES AND TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE WITH REGARD TO MEASURES WITHIN ITS DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR PRE-DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMMES;
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